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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
October 19, 2016
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Chamber Room 4200 Marshall Student Center

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2016 Meeting
3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (20 minutes)
 - a. Standing Council Recommendations – Rick Will (action item)
 - b. Honorary Degree Recommendations – Debra Friedrich (action item)
4. Old Business (15 minutes)
 - a. RCM Advisory Committee Nominations – Michael Teng (action item)
5. New Business (15 minutes)
 - a. Ad hoc Committee on Campus Climate – Barbara Lewis
6. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (20 minutes)
7. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (30 minutes)
8. Report from USF System Faculty Council President Jim Garey (5 minutes)
9. Report from USF United Faculty of Florida President Arthur Shapiro (5 minutes)
10. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

Adjourn - Next scheduled meeting – November 16, 2016

USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2016

President Michael Teng called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes as presented from the meeting on September 14, 2016.

Before proceeding to reports by officers and council chairs, United Faculty of Florida President Arthur Shapiro was given the floor to report that negotiations had been accomplished and faculty will be receiving salary increases.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Standing Council Recommendations – Rick Will

On behalf of the Committee on Committees (COC), Chair Will presented a slate of recommendations that had been vetted by the COC and approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (SEC). The slate came to the Senate with a motion to approve. Discussion was held. Chair Will added that a second round for nominations will be opened. Nominations will be accepted until October 28. It was requested that the solicitation for nominations also be sent to the Senators. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed to approve all nominations.

b. Honorary Degree Recommendations – Debra Friedrich

Dr. Friedrich, Chair-elect of the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), presented the following honorary degree recommendations on behalf of the HAC:

Dr. Melanie Cooper – Honorary Doctor of Sciences
Dr. Victor Dzau – Honorary Doctor of Medicine
Dr. Julio Frenk – Honorary Doctor of Public Health
Dr. Michael Gessler – Honorary Doctor of Education
Vice Admiral John Michael McConnell – Honorary Doctor of Business
Administration

The slate of five honorary degree candidates was approved by the SEC and came to the Senate with a motion to approve. No discussion was held. The motion unanimously passed. The recommendations will be forwarded to President Judy Genshaft for her review and consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

a. RCM Advisory Committee Nominations – Michael Teng

In response to a solicitation, President Teng received 5 nominations for one vacancy on the RCM Advisory Committee. After reviewing the committee's duties and responsibilities, a paper ballot was distributed to all Senators. Dr. Laura Runge, Chair of

the English Department, received the most votes. President Teng will contact Dr. Runge to confirm that she is available when the committee meets. If she is not, there will be a second vote via an on-line voting system.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Ad hoc Committee on Campus Climate – Philip Levy

In response to the recent occurrences of social instability on campus, the SEC created an Ad hoc committee to develop a way for faculty to respond to these issues. As chair, Dr. Levy shared some of the committee's ideas for approaching the issue, such as creating a collaborative statement of values document that could be brought before the Senate and Student Government. Space needs to be opened to work back and forth with students to find a new and better way to communicate. It is important to have discussions about feelings that people have. The committee is proposing a review of existing policy documents and the creation of a dialogue with students to hear what they have to say. President Teng added that this will be an on-going committee. Anyone interested in participating should contact Dr. Levy.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

Before giving her report, President Genshaft thanked the HAC for the impressive honorary degree nominations and expressed her appreciation for the council's work. She applauded the efforts being undertaken by the Ad hoc Committee on Campus Climate and feels this would be an important initiative by the Faculty Senate. She hopes it would be a face-to-face conversation as much as possible.

President Genshaft's report consisted of the following items:

- Copies of the USF System Facts 2016-2017 booklet were distributed.
- The Board of Governors (BoG) met on the Tampa campus October 17-18.
- The Board of Trustees (BoT) has asked her to establish a system-wide strategic plan which will occur after there is a plan implemented for the branding and marketing of USF.
- The definition of "community engagement" needs to be agreed upon by both USF and the BoT as there seems to be a dichotomy.
- The new residence halls will be ready for the 2017-2018 AY.
- One of her goals is to assess the feasibility of an on-campus football stadium. She will keep the Senate apprised of the situation.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox echoed President Genshaft's appreciation of the work to be undertaken by the Ad hoc Committee on Campus Climate. He added that he and Senior Vice Provost Dwayne Smith, as well as others, have been meeting with student groups on a regular basis over the last year to listen to their concerns.

The Provost next reviewed the first three of the ten performance-based funding metrics, which have recently seen a change:

1. The number of baccalaureate graduates who are employed, or continuing in graduate school, one year after graduation earning above the threshold of \$25,000 per year.
2. The average annual salary of those graduates earning above the \$25,000 threshold.
3. The cost of education which will shift the burden of a four-year baccalaureate degree to the student's family. This is where the faculty's help is needed to reduce student debt by doing such things as further reducing the cost of instructional materials and textbooks, increase graduation and retention rates, and reduce excess hours to eliminate fees. A small workgroup will be set up to find ways to help students and the Senate will be kept informed.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JIM GAREY

President Garey reported that the SFC will be meeting on Thursday, October 20th on the USFSM campus. The main agenda item will be how student success/retention plans vary among the three campuses with representatives from each campus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.